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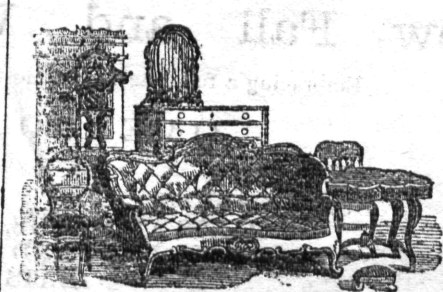
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A Fragment.

"Albeit with eyes from recent weeping wet,  
Singing, my soul, thy psalm unto the Lord."

The beaches lift their sweet, brown buds,  
For April suns to kiss;

And maple, standing straight and lithe,  
Grow crimson in their bliss.

Deep in the wood the pigeon calls,  
Mourning her note though clear—  
And myriad tones repeat her cry,  
"The Spring is near! The Spring is here!"

The dead leaves rustle on the ground  
Stirred by the unseen breeze.

And thousand beautiful forms of life  
Start from decay and death.

Held close against the loving breast  
Of mother Earth so dear,  
Her wild-flowers drink the light and dew,  
For Spring is here, the Spring is here.

Now every thrilling bird will pour  
Its little life in song.

And then, my soul, the silence break,—  
The winter has been long!

And He who listens right and day,  
Thy grief, thy joy shall hear;  
Singing, from broken heart or glad,  
"I know no fear, the Spring is here!"

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CHAPTER XXVIII.

MR. AND MRS. BEACH KEEP HOUSE.

Early on the following day Mary and  
I had our talk.

"You see," she said, "I care nothing  
for what occurred in the boyhood of my  
affianced which did not affect him for  
evil; and his poverty and service upon  
a farm were rather a benefit, I suppose.  
If his station was humble then, he has  
long since risen out of it, and it is not of  
so much consequence where one begins  
as where one is now, and where one is  
likely to end. He is not only the most  
popular, but the most learned of all our  
professors."

"Of your professors?"

"Yes; you know it was at the Medi-  
cal college that we became acquainted,  
though he and father knew each other be-  
fore. I attended his clinical lectures."

"I did not know that he had ever been  
there," I faltered.

"It is strange that you should hear of  
him at all and not hear that. What is  
it you know of him?"

"We are acquainted as neighbors," I  
persisted, "have never been much in  
each other's society."

"You are personally acquainted, and  
there was an agreement between you to  
conceal the fact from me? Where were  
you neighbors?"

"Here, of course."

"He has never been in Rocky Bend;  
who do you think he is?"

"Mr. Summerland, I suppose."

Mary laughed merrily. "Folly of  
foolies! What put such an idea into your  
head?"

"It was well for me that she did not  
pause at the question, demanding an  
answer."

"If it originated in your own brain  
your inventive powers are wonderful;  
you could write fiction and believe it.  
Mr. Summerland would not at all suit  
me as a husband, much as I like him.  
Who ever hinted such a thing to you,  
my dear?"

"No one. It came to me as a matter  
of course."

I felt my face tingle with shame and  
almost wished she had not told me, or  
that the truth had proved what I had  
fancied, it so unsettled me again, rolling  
away the stone from the tomb where I  
thought the forbidden feeling safely still  
ed.

"If this is the way your eyes see,  
Chatty, I shall not ask you to lend them  
to me, and there must be some kind of  
cloud upon your vision. No; the man  
I expect to marry is Dr. James Julian,  
with whom I also expect to practice medi-  
cine. I could hardly choose other than  
a scientific man, and it would seem un-  
suitable to go out of my profession. Will  
you come to the wedding in June? I ex-  
pect to want you for bridesmaid. But  
who will be the groomsmen? I may  
select your own."

"Thank you for saying may. Had it  
been must I might have been forced to  
decline to act. As maid of honor I shall  
obey my queen in this respect."

"Then suppose I invite Mr. Summer-  
land; the doctor likes him and such an  
arrangement, I have no doubt, would  
please greatly. I will speak to Mr. Sum-  
merland about it."

"No, Mary; any one but him. If  
you care for me do not mention it  
again."

We were interrupted by mother call-  
ing us down to see Mrs. Beach, who had  
requested our presence at a private in-  
terview.

"I have come to ask what I shall do  
with Timothy Beach," she said. "He  
wants me to go to housekeeping with him  
but I don't s'pose he's got a thing  
in the world to live on. That ain't so  
much matter, though, 'cause he's a very  
smart, intellectual man and can get a  
livin' most any way, and I've got enough  
of my own to do with till we get well  
started. Tain't that I worry about—  
him? You seen him in the hospital  
Miss Moulton—what do you think about  
him?"

"I saw him too little to form a definite  
opinion. Mr. Summerland can tell you  
better than any one else what he was in  
the army."

"Oh, you mean Robert. I don't very  
often go to boys for advice, though I  
have talked with him, for he was allus a  
kind of a man ever sin' he was a baby.  
He said he wouldn't be in a hurry, but  
just wait a little while and let him go  
to work and get somethin' ahead. But  
says he, if you do live with him don't  
you expect he'll be perfect, and you must  
expect to have your patience awfully  
tried," says he. "You ain't got any too  
much naturally. And," says he, "I would  
n't go to livin' with him unless I'd made  
up my mind to stay with him as long as  
he would with me, says he. 'That's just  
what he said—just as if I didn't know  
all about such things myself. That  
wasn't what I wanted to know. But  
Robert is a real kind hearted boy—I  
don't think he meant no harm.'"

"His advice was very sensible," said  
mother.

"Well, suppose it was? Beach is my  
husband, and it's a solemn thing to have  
a husband. It ain't me that sent him  
off, but sin' he is the root of all evil.  
I jest told him if he couldn't behave and  
keep sober he couldn't stay with me, and  
if he went. I didn't think he'd go, but  
he was young then and thoughtless and  
couldn't bear to be spoke to. I've been  
kind o' sorry I was so brash with him,  
and now when he's come back, a real  
provident son, why it's my duty to call on  
his neck and kiss him. I don't care what  
folks say—I'm going to do as I'm a mind  
to. But I thought I'd take a little ad-  
vice of my friends."

"Is it ten o'clock? Mercy! Beach  
won't know what to think, I'm gone so  
long. I must hurry home."

"Had you given her any advice before  
we came down?" I asked of mother.

"No; you heard all that was said up-  
on the important topic. Beggars for ad-  
vice are usually easily satisfied."

So, though Mrs. Beach went to a do-  
zen particular friends on the same errand  
she, doubtless, received no surplus of  
counsel, and it mattered not how much  
came—she could easily throw it away;  
her mind was made up—it was her duty  
to go to keeping house with "Beach."

But before doing so she insisted on being  
married over, and the next morning, at  
half past nine o'clock, we were sum-  
moned to go to Mrs. Summerland's at ten  
to witness this second ceremony. After  
making very hasty toilets and hurrying  
to the house, we were both glad to find  
ourselves in time, and surprised to see a  
company so large that all could not have  
seats; most of them had come from work-  
ing places, and they were all dressed in  
the best of the wedding gowns in the  
parish who had been compelled to come  
in from the highways and hedges. All  
the neighbors were there, Mr. Rapley,  
Mr. Gould, editor of the Rocky Bend  
Ledger, and several others. There were  
no presents, no refreshments. The bride  
was attired in a changeable silk which  
had been her best for sixteen years; a  
broad embroidered collar, very nice, but  
equally old-fashioned, with the addition  
of a pair of neat linen cuffs loaned by  
Mrs. Summerland. Cuffs were articles  
to be indulged in by Mrs. Beach only on  
great occasions and this was the greatest  
of occasions. She was in excellent spirits  
and, after the ceremony had been per-  
formed, and some very sound advice  
given by Mr. Kingsley, she produced a  
poem written for this event, which she  
asked Mr. Kingsley to read. He sug-  
gested that she, being its author, would  
be able to give it more expression, and  
after some urging she read, but with-  
out hesitation in speaking the words,  
and in a manner peculiar to herself. The  
poem was afterwards carried to the edit-  
or of the Ledger who was unable to  
find space for it, owing to the crowded  
state of his columns. She then brought  
it to me with the request that it should  
be set to music, and that I would learn  
to sing it, just to please Beach. He was  
very proud of her poetical ability—she  
said. As, for many reasons, I have been  
unable to accommodate her in this re-  
spect, and because, in consequence of  
certain prejudices in the minds of editors,  
such effusions do not often appear in the  
exact form in which they were written,  
and, therefore, may be curiosities I give  
this a place in my story.

"He's come back, he's come back, O Timothy  
daring!"

He's come back to his own beloved Ann;  
He wandered without her o'er many a country,  
And she's felt as bad as anybody can.

"She thought he was dead, but the dead never  
dies!"

"She thought he'd forgot to think about her,  
She wondered where his grave was, and what he  
was doing."

Or if thought of his Ann in his breast could  
ever stir.

"But now it's all over: he's neither dead or af-  
fent."

He's here, right here by the side of his Ann;  
Their fond hands are joining—the words of truth  
are spoken.

Now she's a wife again and Timothy her man.

"O wedding bells! and blessed be the tie that  
binds!"

How sweet 'tis to be tied so! how sweet to join  
Blest be the day that gave us kindred minds,  
And made us one in matrimony's ever sacred  
hands!

"Oh I none but death shall o'er this union sever;  
Our lives shall be as one through all the coming  
years."

"I'll never part from him again, no, never!  
So long as I shall live in this dark vale of  
tears."

The bridegroom looked much better  
on this occasion than on the night of his  
arrival, having been presented by his  
wife with an entire new suit of clothes.  
He regarded her with much admiration,  
and seemed ill at ease in so large a com-  
pany, and said little. It was the merriest  
of weddings, and I was greatly pleased  
that Mary, with her stately notions,  
could witness it.

Mrs. Summerland being unwilling to  
take another tenant into her dwelling,  
the pair hired for a time the house we  
used to live in, and there spent their  
second honeymoon. For two weeks no  
more affectionate couple were to be seen.  
When in the streets she could not walk  
without his arm, although if either lean-

upon the other it was the husband. She  
took him to church, a place to which he  
was not accustomed, and which he evi-  
dently dreaded, but from which his wife  
would not allow him to stay. She in-  
formed us that she had also set her foot  
down that he should read aloud to her a  
chapter in the Bible every morning. She  
wasn't going to let him live so heathen-  
ish.

At the end of two weeks, the honey-  
moon as I fear, approaching its third  
quarter, through the influence of Robert  
Mr. Rapley hired Timothy to work on  
the farm, and his wife beguiled her lon-  
eliness by going out house-cleaning.

Mary's visit was short but on every  
day of her stay she went to see Robert,  
both out of friendship and to give direc-  
tions as to the management of his wounds.  
I rarely accompanied her. Just before  
she went away he called upon us and  
our acquaintance began to seem like that  
of the old time. Yet he was not quite  
the same, his manner was easy and cul-  
tured, his conversation charming. I called  
him grand, I had ceased to fear to  
meet him, and hoped that sometime we  
should get to be simply good friends. It  
was hard to let Mary go, both because  
she had made herself very agreeable, and  
because I feared that in losing her I  
should see little more of Robert.

Alick gave up his commission and  
came home in April, very much disheart-  
ened about the success of the Union  
army. It had been a few successes here  
and there, but as a whole the war was a fail-  
ure. He could see no end to the strug-  
gle and believed that duty did not require  
him to remain longer. His health, which  
had been poor during the winter, was  
not yet restored, his old cheerfulness  
was gone, and however gay he might  
seem at times, we who knew him well  
could see that it was a forced gaiety. Mr.  
Kingsley had been married again in the  
winter and as Grace was now free, she  
and Alick came to board with us until  
he could finish his studies.

In June I went to see Mary married.  
Robert Summerland did not go.

CHAPTER XXIX.

TROUBLE.

I had but just returned from New  
York—having been at home only one  
day—when Ann came into our house  
about nine o'clock in the evening.

"Where's Alick?"

"In the office," Grace replied.

"Have you heard him say anything  
about going away?"

Grace had not and looked surprised  
at the question.

"He's off a good deal when he hadn't  
ought to be, and I'm going to find out  
where, and put a stop to it. I thought  
Alick would be as likely to know as any-  
body. My! a man is such a care!"

She went away and after an hour re-  
turned greatly excited, with a large bun-  
dle in her arms, and said to me, "Put on  
your things and come, I want you."

I obeyed and was led to the outskirts  
of the village into a low neighborhood  
where I did not like to go even in the  
daytime.

"Don't go there!" I said, hanging  
back.

"This is the place I started for. Come  
on," giving me a pull; "you needn't be  
afraid of anything when I'm around."

She led the way to a long, low build-  
ing occupied by several families, and af-  
ter undoing her bundle, and leaving the  
paper on the ground, opened one of the  
doors and pulled me in after her. It was  
a dingy ill-ventilated room whose scanty  
furniture was revealed by the light of  
a tallow candle burning on an old table.

By the side of the table sat a woman  
shabbily clad, making a child's dress out  
of material too much worn to endure well  
the strain of the strong coarse thread  
with which she was sewing. In one  
corner of the same apartment were sleep-  
ing three children on a straw bed on the  
floor, and near them on a bedstead, was  
lying a man sick with fever. Without  
addressing the woman, who stared at me,  
Mrs. Beach pulled me to the side of the  
bed.

"Look at that quilt! Did you ever see  
it before? I tell you there never was an-  
other quilt like that."

It was the one of Mrs. Beach's inven-  
tion which she had made the ladies of  
the society give to Mrs. Kingsley, and  
which now I knew to be the property of  
my darling sister Grace. The sight ap-  
palled me.

"How did this come here?" she con-  
tinued.

The word which came to my lips was  
"stolen," but I looked at the woman who  
sat still watching me.

"We didn't steal it, we are as honest  
as anybody else. Tim Weedland or  
Beach, or whatever his name is, brought  
it here, or Alick Boston sent it. Of  
course he wouldn't soil his feet coming  
into a house like this, and never a word  
will he speak to an old friend now. But  
Chris has done him a great many favors  
and helped him to a pile of money, so  
when he was took sick I sent word to  
the gentleman that he'd got to help us  
or I'd expose him. He sent me some  
flour and wood and this quilt and a little  
money."

"Expose him?" I cried. "What has  
he done?"

"Sure enough! what has he done, and  
what does he keep on doing? How does  
he make his money? Gambling! Very  
respectable man, ain't he? Maybe you're  
some relation to him—



MEXICO INDEPENDENT
MEXICO, THURSDAY, MAY 29, 1873.
News of the Week.

The Appropriation bill has passed the State Senate with the item of \$96,000 Remington guns.
The Local Option bill as amended to meet the views of the Governor was ordered to a third reading in the Assembly on Friday. An effort was made to insert the civil damage clause in the Ohio law, but it failed.
President Thiers has fought two duels. Garibaldi's physicians are said to hold out little hope of his recovery.
President Thiers has resigned. His resignation has been accepted, and Marshal MacMahon has been elected President in his stead.
On the 22d inst., the Hot Spring branch of the Modocs, twelve in number, surrendered to General Davis. The whereabouts of Capt. Jack, who has twenty warriors with him, is unknown. He is supposed to be in the Pitt River mountains. The forces remaining with Gen. Davis at Van Bremer's have been divided into small parties, and with the Warm Spring Indians have commenced search for Captain Jack and his band. Gen. Gillen has been superseded.
The condition of affairs on the Mexican frontier is very excited. A party of Kickapoo Indians crossed the border, stealing a large number of cattle. General McKenney, gathering a force of cavalry, pursued them eighty miles into Mexico. Finding them in camp he immediately made an attack, killing nineteen warriors, taking forty squaws prisoners, and recovering one hundred stolen horses. The Mexicans are much excited, and threaten reprisal. The inhabitants of the border fear that affairs are so threatening that a war cannot long be prevented.
Decorations day, having been declared a legal holiday by a recent act of the Legislature, Governor Dix has issued a proclamation recommending that it be solemnized with fitting observance by the people of this State.
On Thursday last a terrific tornado or whirlwind, accompanied by hail and rain, passed about six miles north of Washington, Iowa. Its path was about half a mile in width, and it tore into fragments everything in its course. A gentleman who saw near the tornado reports that it was balloon shaped, with the small end to the ground, and moved at the rate of thirty miles an hour. The lives of many persons were saved by their hastily getting into the cellars of their houses. Sad havoc was made with all kinds of stock. The roaring of the tornado was fearful, and could have been easily heard ten miles. At Washington, six miles away, it was perfectly appalling, surpassing in terror anything ever heard except war and the din of a terrible battle. Many more lives were probably lost than those reported, and no estimate can be made of the destruction. Nothing so terrible or violent has ever taken this section of the country heretofore, and it is considered a miracle that so few lives were lost.
Thus far the names of seventeen persons killed, and twenty three injured, have been given as the effect of the Iowa tornado, and more will be heard from. Horses, cattle, sheep, hogs, and fowls were killed by the hundred.
The Rev. Newman Hall, of London, expressed his wish to visit America next August, and go upon a lecturing tour, in case he can get a release from his present ministerial duties.
Armed Mexicans this month drove a thousand head of cattle from the neighborhood of Brownsville into Mexico.
Two tragedies were enacted on Sunday in Brooklyn. A young man shot and killed his mother while she was interposing between him and another young man with whom he was quarreling. An intoxicated man was examining a pistol and carelessly snapping the trigger, the weapon exploded, and the bullet entered the breast of his companion, inflicting a fatal wound.
On Friday evening in the Presbyterian General Assembly at Baltimore, the Chairman of the Committee to prepare the budget reported \$1,500,000 as the amount to be raised the present year, and recommended the apportionment as follows: To foreign missions, \$600,000; home missions, \$52,500; publication, \$75,000; sustentation, \$82,500; education, \$105,000; freedmen, \$75,000; church erection, \$120,000; ministerial relief, \$90,000. After some debate the report was adopted.
Postal cards are popular; too much so in fact for the contractor who engaged to furnish the necessary supply. The terms on which the contract was awarded were broken at the commencement, and up to date the requisite number of cards have not been forwarded to the Postoffice Department. In the first place "some defect in machinery" precluded the possibility of the firm having five million cards ready on May day, and during the few days that the new mode of communication has been ostensibly in practice, the firm cannot turn out nearly enough to supply the millions who desire, in a somewhat different way from what Hamlet meant "to speak by the card." Before the first of this month orders for twelve millions were received, since that time the average daily call for the cards has been not less than one million thirty thousand, while the firm can not turn out more than six hundred and fifty thousand daily.
The Atlantic cable tariff, from the 1st of June, will be at the old rate of \$1 per ton to Great Britain and \$10 for ten tons, to France.
The local option bill was put on its final passage on Tuesday, and defeated by a vote of 90 yeas to 47 nays.
The Board of Supervisors of San Francisco are considering the following measures to prevent Chinese emigration: The pig tails of all Chinese sentenced to county jail will be cut off; a tax of \$15 per quarter will be levied on Chinese laundries, and the removal of dead bodies to China prohibited. Six of the principal Chinese firms in the city have telegraphed to Hong Kong representing the state of affairs and dissuading emigration.
The Postmaster-general has interdicted the circulation through the mails of papers having any writing on the wrappers except the full address. It is not lawful to add initials, nor even to write one newspaper on the wrapper.
The canal "Frank Duesel" is the first to make the round trip from Oswego to Albany and back, this season.
CARPETS.—The largest line of Carpets ever offered in Mexico can be found at BECKER BROS.

"OUT WEST."
The Westward Exodus—Its Main Spring.
BY PROF. J. D. BUTLER.
LINCOLN, Nebraska, 1873.
The West draws new settlers into its capacious bosom by its fertility, its free homesteads, and its infinite demand for labor, whether skilled or unskilled. It also draws them to take shelter under its wings by competition.
New England once raised her own breadstuffs, but she has long ceased so to do. The produce of richer and cheaper lands competed with her farmers, till it proved more than a match for their skill and energy. Many of them then turned to manufacturing, but a still larger number were hence driven west. They made their own some of the cheap acres there, and enlisted in the ranks of the agricultural army which had vanquished them.
Thus the West is constantly acting on the East with an increasing weight, and that of a larger and longer lever. Here is one secret of its rapid growth.
It is forty years since the first white families entered Iowa. But no more than one-third of its present population were born within its limits; two-thirds have come in.
Of its twelve hundred thousand today, about one-half were born in some more eastern State. Foreign countries being further than the Atlantic slope, from the West have hitherto felt its influence less—but even they were long since driven as well as drawn to seek their sons thither. The influence exerted upon them has been of the same nature with that which has brought Westward so many of our own East. Hence one-sixth of the population of Iowa has come into it from beyond the Atlantic.
Not one-sixth of the population of Nebraska were born within its limits. More than twenty-five thousand homesteaders and pre-emptors have filed claims in the land-office at Lincoln, a capital not yet six years old; and within the last three years, about three thousand settlers have bought farms on the land-grant to the Burlington and Missouri River Railroad—on ten years' credit and six per cent. interest, and, on contracts made since 1872, no installment of the principal due till the beginning of the fifth year—and then only one-seventh.
The Westward tidal wave was never so strong as to-day—but it will be stronger to-morrow. The stronger it grows the more strength it has to grow stronger. Nor can it fail to wait still more mighty till so many of the European millions have migrated that the density of population and the rate of wages shall have become well-nigh equalized on both sides of the Atlantic.

Requirements of England.
The agricultural returns of Great Britain for 1872 show that only six per cent of the working population are employed in tillage and husbandry. The number of the two millions. Neither the land tiller nor the laborer expended are adequate to furnish food for the dense population of the island. Hence the already large and rapidly increasing trade in American food products must continue, and promises to equalize in time the value of the manufactured articles with which British mines and manufactures supply the sovereigns of Yankeeedom. Besides our breadstuffs, hams, beef, pork, pigmeat, new cuts, large quantities of preserved fresh meat from Australia. No doubt, proper enterprise could substitute the flesh of our fine Texas cattle for the produce of the far-away antipodes, to the mutual advantage of consumers and graziers.

At Cost.—In order to make room for other goods, I shall close out my entire stock of Boots and Shoes at cost, and no humbug.
E. H. WADSWORTH,
Empire Block, Mexico.
MEXICO MARKETS.
CORRECTED WEEKLY.
The following are the prices paid for farmers produce, etc., in this market:
Flour (soft) \$3.75; red \$3.75, white \$1.25
Meal, 1/2 cwt, (retail) 1.00
Corn, 1.00
Oats, 35
Butter, 25
Loose Butter, 18
Cheese, 15
Eggs, 10
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## HOME AND COUNTRY.

### Notice to Subscribers.

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### Oswego County Anniversaries.

The Anniversaries of the Oswego County Bible Society and Sunday-school Union, will be held in the First Presbyterian church in the city of Oswego, Tuesday, the 10th day of June next, commencing at 10 o'clock in the forenoon. The first hour, from 10 to 11 o'clock, will be occupied with the ordinary business of the Bible Society, and the next hour, from 11 to 12 o'clock, will be devoted to four fifteen minutes' speeches upon Bible subjects, by Rev. James Douglas, of Pulaski; Rev. E. Hoar, Jr., of Oswego; Rev. M. Travers, of Oswego; and Rev. M. Soward, of Umanah. The exercises will be of an interesting character. The afternoon and evening will be devoted to the usual exercises of the Sunday-school Union, and the occasion will be both attractive and profitable.

As it seems necessary that these important interests be attended to a single day, it is obvious that the friends of the Bible and of Bible instruction should make the effort to be promptly present at the opening of the session at 10 o'clock in the morning.

Pastors of Christian churches, and Sunday-school Superintendents throughout the county, are earnestly requested to read this notice to their respective charges, on the Sabbath preceding the meeting.

Dated May 21, 1873.

R. H. TYLER, Pres. Bible Society.  
J. G. BENEDICT, Secy. Bible Society.  
J. H. MURRELL, O. J. HARMON,  
Secy. S. S. Union. Pres. S. S. Union.

### Good Templars.

At a quarterly session of the Oswego County Lodge of Good Templars in Sandy Creek, on the 20th and 21st of May, A. J. Potter, County Chief Templar, presided. The Order is gaining strength in the county. The Rev. Ovid Miner of Syracuse delivered an able address on Temperance to a large audience in the Congregational church, on Tuesday evening. The following resolutions were adopted:

A member of the Oswego County Lodge of Good Templars sends words of greeting to our Order, happy to believe that a deeper and wiser interest in our great reform is now manifest throughout the county than has been known in twenty years. A new era of hope and encouragement is dawning upon faithful temperance workers; and trusting that Good Templars may continue to hold this prominent place, we ask attention to a few things:

1st, That a very kind, but watchful and thorough discipline be maintained in the lodge. A company of thirty assistant, working and giving members are more effective in any community than a lodge of a hundred in which inconsistencies and violations of pledges are allowed to remain.

2d, We earnestly advise that pains be taken to lay out work, some kind of active effort for every member, that something *useful* be found for each one to do. Some suited to each class and sex. Try by much gentle wisdom to cure older members, and prevent initiates from becoming drones in the hive.

3d, Let us promote methods of instruction. There is a great deal in the chemistry and physiology of humors, in the social, economical, and political relations of temperance that our friends do not understand. Let us make our meetings, therefore, training schools; see to it that every acceptable family, and every young man, beside, be supplied with temperance literature.

4th, Especially we exhort that ample effort be made to instruct, pledge, and organize the children, all the children and youth into temperance bands. It is almost an universal fault that the young have been too much overlooked.

5th, And finally we must ask the attention of every lodge to our laws for the suppression of the liquor traffic. With all their defects it is entirely practicable for us under existing laws to close up nine-tenths of the dram selling in our country and State. Let no brother remain ignorant or uninterested in the enforcement of just law.

We will suggest for consideration, the utility of local lodges holding once in a month, open meetings.

Committee—Rev. Ovid Miner, Rev. Mr. Hicks, Mary J. Davis, T. M. Castello.

AT THEIR OLD QUARTERS.—Denio Loomis and the main witnesses against him, Elphick and Allen, were brought back to Oswego from Pulaski last night, and returned to their old quarters. Loomis states that he expects to get bail, but in case he does not, will remain in jail here till the time set down for his trial, September.—*Osw. Times, Saturday.*

DELICATE.—One of John Severance's hens has produced an egg, measuring in its longer diameter one inch; in its shorter five-eighths of an inch. Where is the hen that can do better in point of fine work?

THE FULTON TIMES has a good item about the school reports lately introduced in the primary schools of that village. A youngster of illiterate parentage proudly showed his report to his father a week or two since. It read: "Spelling, seventy-five per cent.; Reading, 90 per cent.," and so on, all through. This the old gentleman thought must be a bill, charging seventy-five cents for spelling, ninety cents for reading, &c., in all amounting to over three dollars. This he protested against as a swindle, and wrote on the back that he was a poor man, and that he must withdraw his son from school, unless the terms could be reduced. It is all explained to him now, and sonny will get an education.

DRESSMAKING.—The undersigned would inform the ladies of Mexico and vicinity that she has opened a Dressmaking shop over L. G. Ballard's store, where she will do sewing, and also work for children.

H. J. HAKES.

Mexico, May 20, 1873.

Spring has come again, and with it came a new and large invoice of Ballard's wonderful Dollar Japs. Go to once and get a pound.

### Decoration Day.

Those having the management of the ceremonies of Decoration Day are doing their work heartily, and we trust their efforts will be appreciated and seconded by our citizens.

All persons desirous of contributing flowers are requested to take them to the Engine Hall this (Thursday) afternoon and evening. The Committee on flowers will please be at the Hall at the above-mentioned time to receive the flowers.

The citizens of adjoining towns are cordially invited to unite with us in decorating the graves of those who fell in the defense of that liberty which is the corner-stone of our Republic.

### A Curiosity.

Mr. B. Pratt, of Hastings, has kindly permitted us to examine a Tax book for 1765, kept by his grandfather, Mr. Paul Pratt, that year constable of Taunton, Mass. Taunton was then a province, and the book contains Province, County, Town and Ministers' tax, the money being in pounds, shillings, pence, &c. We conclude the church pews were rented in those days, before the Declaration of Independence was made, and that belief or plea of poverty did not exempt a man from paying his share for the support of preaching. The minister's tax was not collected of the clergy but for their use, as appears from the following note which we print *verbatim* at this time.

"Parta where of is the Eighty Pound Granted to the Revd Mr. Josiah Crocker upon his being Dismissed from his pastoral Relation to the inhabitants of the P. Town, together with the Twenty-one Pound, Seven shilling and Eight pence in full for what was due upon the account of His Stated Salary, as also Thirty Pound more to uphold the preaching of the word of God in P. Town to the inhabitants thereof, in making in the whole the within Named Sum."

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### The Midland Management.

The New York Tribune of Saturday contained the following:

"The Board of Directors of the Midland Railroad met yesterday afternoon at the office of the Company, No. 111 Liberty street, and after a long discussion, reorganized the management, nearly all of the old Directors resigning, new ones being chosen to fill their places as fast as the resignations of the changes were financial difficulties into which the road had fallen.

"The Directors met at about 2 p. m., and held a long and secret session in the interior offices. In the main offices a dozen or more creditors of the company had assembled, and were anxiously awaiting the dissolution of the meeting, in order that they might obtain some information regarding their claims.

"At about 5 p. m. the Board adjourned, and the reporter asked for the results of the meeting. He was informed that the proceedings were of an informal character, and until they had been ratified by formal proceedings to-day they were of no legal effect. It is not definitely stated whether this among the resignations were those of President De Witt C. Littlejohn, Vice-President Culver, and Messrs. Ames, Foster and others. George Opydyke has been elected President, and a number of others, who are expected to lift the road out of the slough into which it has fallen, have been chosen Directors; some of the latter, however, have yet to be consulted as to whether they will accept. These new officials will represent the syndicate referred to above."

New York, May 27.—This morning's Tribune says that at a meeting of the New York & Oswego Midland railroad Syndicate yesterday, subscriptions to the amount of three million seven hundred thousand dollars were reported. It was resolved to reduce the amount of the subscription originally determined upon from five millions to four millions, and after paying present obligations to devote the balance to building the western division of the road from Cortland to Buffalo.

A WORD FOR THE WEEP SEWING MACHINE.—Among the many sewing machines which have been tried in our family preference is given to the Weed, and as proof of that preference we have just purchased one of its agent, Mr. A. F. Aird, of Union Square. It runs easily and does its work beautifully, and though we advise all to test a machine thoroughly before purchasing, we cheerfully recommend this as one that is good to try.

AN INTERESTING WEDDING—took place in the Universalist church on Sunday evening last, when Rev. James Vincent, who has been for nearly two years pastor of the church, was united in marriage with Miss Viola Davis, daughter of Mr. Phineas Davis, one of the most active members of that denomination in this village. The ceremony was simple and beautiful, and witnessed by a large number of people. May the happy pair find life as good as it now promises to be; as fragrant and beautiful as the flowers which smiled upon them, of some of which we were made the recipients.

THE ANTE-DECORATION SERVICES—held in the Presbyterian Church on Sunday evening last were largely attended, and the sermon by Rev. Jas. P. Stanton is spoken of in high terms. The pulpit and platform were beautifully adorned with flowers, ferns, ground pine, &c., and the young ladies who thus contributed to the pleasure of so many on that spring day ought to receive the thanks of us all.

SENSIBLE.—It has been well said, and the moral favors liberal advertising, that when the hen lays an egg she cackles, because it is her nature; and when a man opens a new stock of goods, it is human to caw over it. By these means both the hon and the man point to the results of their labors, and a sensible world is immediately on the lookout. God bless the hen; the man will be blessed just as he follows her example.—*Am. Journalist.*

NEW FARM WAGON.—For sale, one two-horse Lumber Wagon, cheap for cash, or in exchange for dry cows or heifers. Inquire of Trowbridge & Peck.

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### PARISH.

For the week past there has been a dearth of news in this place. The Town Teachers' Association appointed for last Wednesday, was a failure, owing to the non-attendance of teachers. We believe there were only two districts represented, Nos. 1 and 12. The free schoolers show a wonderful lack of confidence in the principles and policy of the Free School Law, and they seem to be very loth to carry out its provisions. Teachers' Institutes and Associations are one of the very best means to promote education in our common school system, and yet free schoolers do not support them with hearty good will. They are the first persons to censure and put down an individual or officer who executes all its positive injunctions and permissive powers. We are opposed to Free School Laws. We do not believe that the state should compel any individual to support a school he does not believe in. We believe that the school and state should be entirely divorced, and that it should be left entirely to the people, without state aid, to see to the education of their children. Capital and benevolence would do it much better than it is done now. The state does not aid the people in building churches, and in almost any place it is much easier to get means to build a church than to build a school house. You will frequently find an elegant church beside and old dilapidated school house. The church is built voluntarily, the school house involuntarily; and this is the way the free school system works.

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### Real Estate Sales.

Clark A. Graves to Andrew J. Middleton, 712 acres in New Haven, \$3,000; April, 1873.

Samuel N. Wright and John Wright to Harriet N. Hayes, 25 acres in Parish \$300; December, 1872.

George E. Soper to Orville Roberts, 62 96-100 acres in Redfield, \$1,300; May, 1873.

Alonso Jocelyn and Nathan Stanton to David Garber, 4 acres and 100 rods in Amboy, \$1,050; May, 1873.

Catharine E. Mace to Amos Mace, one half acre in Palermo, \$300; September, 1873.

Ezra Olin to Mary M. Beagle and William Wiley, 5 acres in Albion, \$500; May, 1873.

John Fick to Oscar F. Whitney, 35 acres in Richland \$914.73; March, 1873.

William Green to George Cromwell, 12 acres in Amboy, \$1, and other considerations; April, 1873



